the debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), by and through its proposed counsel, hereby submits this statement (the "<u>Statement</u>") in connection to the *Debtor's Emergency Motion For Interim and Final Orders Authorizing Debtor to (1) Pay Prepetition Claim of Nike USA, Inc., As Critical Vendor; (2) Incur Postpetition Indebtedness On A Superpriority Basis; And (b) Enter And Perform Under Agreement With Nike USA, Inc. (the "<u>Motion</u>") [D.I. 12] and, the Committee respectfully represents as follows:*

BACKGROUND

On November 29, 2017 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Los Angeles Division. Pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor continues to operate its business and property as a debtor-in-possession. United States Trustee Peter C. Anderson, Assistant United States Trustee Jill M. Sturtevant and Trial Attorney Kelly L. Morrison (collectively, the "U.S. Trustee") have been appointed in this case. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this case by the U.S. Trustee.

On December 11, 2017, the Committee was appointed in this case by the U.S. Trustee, consisting of the following nine members: (i) New World Creation, Inc.; (ii) Hinkle Construction; (iii) Adidas America Inc.; (iv) VF Outdoor, LLC; (v) Sports Land Inc.; (vi) Nike USA Inc.; (vii) GGP Limited Partnership; (viii) Simon Property Group; and (ix) Macerich. On December 11, 2017, the Committee selected Cooley as its proposed counsel and Province, Inc. as its proposed financial advisor.

STATEMENT

The Debtor, the Committee, and Nike USA, Inc. (collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>") have diligently engaged in negotiations regarding the relief requested in the Motion and have reached an agreement subject to documentation. Amongst other things, the settlement would defer a decision on the Debtor's request to grant superpriority claims in favor of Nike USA, Inc. The Parties are presently working on a stipulation to effectuate this agreement.

As reflected in the stipulation filed with this Court on December 22, 2017 (the "<u>Stipulation</u>") [D.I. 230], the Parties seek to extend the deadline for the Committee to file any

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1	opposition or response to the Motion to December 29, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. However, as this Court					
2	has not yet approved the Stipulation or the relief sought therein, and the Committee's objection					
3	deadline has not been adjourned, the Committee is compelled to lodge this statement to					
4	reserve its right to further respond to the Motion.					
5	Dated: December 26,	2017		Respectfully Submitted,		
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8				By: <u>/s/ Ali Mojdehi</u> Ali Mojdehi		
9				Proposed Counsel for		
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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

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A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): Statement of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to the Debtor's Emergency Motion for Interim and Final Orders Authorizing Debtor to: (1) Pay Prepetition Claim of Nike USA, Inc., as Critical Vendor; (2) Incur Postpetition Indebtedness On Superpriority Basis; And (3) Enter And Perform Under Agreement With Nike USA, Inc. [D.I. 12]

will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dec. 26, 2017 Mollie Canby

Date Printed Name

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